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APPLICANT: Cardenas-Granguillhome, E. et al. EXAMINER: N/A

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**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.378(c)**

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REMARKS

On March 8, 2011, a PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.279(c)) was filed in the USPTO to revive US 6,409,927. A fee in the amount of \$2,880.00 accompanied the Petition. A copy of the stamped, self-addressed March 8, 2011 OPAP postcard is attached hereto.

Examiner Karen Creasy dismissed the Petition on May 23, 2011 since the Petition was not considered a proper statement of unintentional delay since the Petition was signed by only one inventor.

On July 1, 2011, Petitioner submitted two (2) Petitions to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an expired patent. One Petition was signed by Juan-Jose Gonzalez-Garza. The other was signed by Enrique Rubin Cardenas Granguillhome. A copy of the stamped, self-addressed postcard from the Patent and Trademark Office by OPAP of July 1, 2011 is enclosed.

The Petition has been signed and dated by both inventors and the entire fee of \$2,880.00 has been paid. The Petition is now in order and is ready for acceptance.

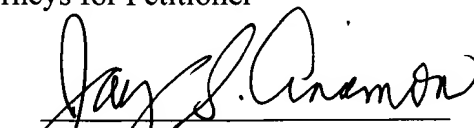
The Petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee in US 6,409,927 is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees which may be due and which have not been submitted herewith to our Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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In a Decision mailed May 23, 2011, the Examiner dismissed the Petition filed Under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 8, 2011 to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The Petition was not considered to contain a proper statement of unintentional delay since the Petition was signed by only one inventor.

Petitioner encloses herewith a PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c)), signed by the other inventor, Enrique-Ruben Cardenas Granguillhome.

All applicable fees were submitted with the Petition filed March 8, 2011.

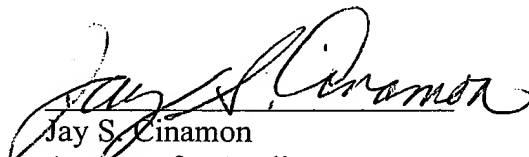
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3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

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4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1640 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

Enrique Ruben Cardenas
 Signature of Petitioner(s)

27 DE JUNIO 2011
 Date

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Maintenance Fee Payment



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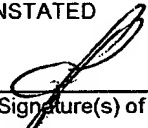
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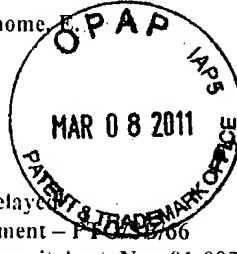
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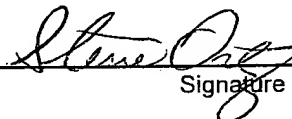
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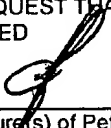
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8. STATEMENT

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9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED


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ENCLOSURES

Maintenance Fee Payment



Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)



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